



## Governors visit deployed servicemembers

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Colorado Governor Bill Owens and Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry visited Iraq in order to meet and greet servicemembers throughout the country, Friday.

The two leaders wanted to make it clear to the troops the people of their states are exceedingly proud and grateful for their service both in Iraq and back home.

"Don't pay too much attention to the media, the people of Oklahoma and the majority of Americans care for you and respect what you are doing," said Henry.

Both governors never ceased to tell the troops how proud they were of them. Every chance they had to shake a hand or even talk for a few minutes they took.

"My only regret on this trip is that we don't have more time to just sit and visit with the troops," said Henry.

The governors went to several different bases, including Ar Ramadi, where they were given a demonstration of equipment and convoy techniques servicemembers use in the War on Terrorism.

"What amazes me is the conditions are so harsh and the job is so rough and long, yet the



**Governor Brad Henry of Oklahoma promotes Sgt. Kevin Streeter to sergeant, during his trip to Iraq. Streeter is part of the 49th Military Police Brigade, a National Guard unit from Oklahoma.**

men and women serving over here continue to do their job above and beyond expectations," said Owens.

After the demonstrations, the governors were given the opportunity to have lunch with servicemembers from their respective states. During lunch, the governors asked

the troops if there was any kind of message they would want to send to the people back home.



**Governors Bill Owens of Colorado (left) and Brad Henry of Oklahoma discuss recent events with Maj. Gen. Timothy E. Donovan, deputy commander, Multi National Corps-Iraq.**

"The insurgents cannot beat the American armed forces, so they attack the resolve of the people back home,"

said Marine Capt. William Chronister, commander, Echo Battery 211, and a native of Oklahoma. "They target the minds of the families back home by committing horrendous acts against civilians and attacking us."

The statement was echoed by every servicemember at the table. According to them, the people of America need to understand they realize the danger of their job, but it has to be done, and there is no one else better suited to do it.

"This spirit of selflessness is exactly what makes our troops the best in the world," said Owens.

On one of their stops, Henry participated in the promotion ceremony of Sgt. Kevin Streeter, 49th Military Police Brigade, a National Guard unit from Oklahoma.

During the ceremony both governors were given the chance to speak. They conveyed words of gratitude from both themselves and their constituents. Pressing as hard as they could to let the troops know how much America really does support them.

"We could be no more proud of you," said Owens. "This is a war we have to win, and from my short experience here it seems that we are winning. Because of you, we will win."

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# Revamped dental clinic open for business

Story and photos by Pfc. Sean C. Finch  
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For servicemembers afraid of going to a dental clinic with a dirt floor inside of a tent, there is no need to worry.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Hospital dental facility underwent a complete remodeling in the middle of last year and has changed to fit a more professional environment, said Lt. Col. Robert Neese, commander, 10<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Hospital dental clinic.

"Our goal during the re-make of the dental clinic was to create an office environment that would help our Soldiers to relax and feel more at home and less intimidated by their surroundings," said Neese.

"Due to renovations and remodeling, as well as a full and well-trained staff, coalition soldiers can find dental care that supersedes the expectation of a field clinic," said Neese.

The dental facility is open to all coalition troops as well as contractors and civilian military employees.

While U.S. troops are the primary reason for the renovations, they represent the smallest number of patients at the dental clinic.

"Perhaps the greatest testament to U.S.

military dental facilities, is that when deployed, American troops represent a miniscule percentage of who we actually see here in the office," said Neese.

American troops are required to go through an extensive dental check-up before deploying to any foreign country. This ensures the servicemembers arrive in Iraq without a pre-existing dental problem.

"We see more coalition troops than anything else, most of them with habitually induced dental problems," said Neese.

The dental facility is not used for regular check-ups or for hygiene updating, but rather for issue-based problems.

Most of the patients that are seen in this clinic have injuries that are either sustained in accidents or people who are having pain and not just routinely visiting, said Neese.

Broken jaws, which have been difficult to



**Lt. Col. Robert Neese works on his patient in the newly remodeled dental facility in the International Zone.**

get treatment for in the past are now handled by a maxio-facial surgeon that is on the staff.

The dental facility is comprised of dentists from all over the United States. Dental Command created the facility entirely out of augmented personnel.

"Dentists that are assigned to the 10<sup>th</sup> usually serve six months or less, whereas board certified dentists serve a one year tour," said Neese.

Dentists are rotated frequently to keep clinic

morale high and the staff in good spirits for their patients, said Neese.

"While board certified dentists may lead the way by staying a little longer, it takes the entire staff working together to give anyone who comes in here a world class dental experience," said Neese.

DENTCOM is working to get more facilities updated, so that care can be given to all those deployed who need it.

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# Running group celebrates Mardi Gras

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"On-on!" The cry rang out as the Lost Lake Hash House Harriers, dressed in festive attire, ran to follow the hare trails during their Mardi Gras Hash, Sunday.

The HHH is a fraternity of sorts, where people come together and run. This is not an ordinary run however. The runs, called hashes, are a play on hare and hound style hunts, where men replace the hares and the hounds.

One or two people acting as 'hares' will take bags of chalk or anything that can be used to mark the ground and will mark a trail. One real trail will be made and one fake trail.

The object is to get 'On home' where there are sometimes on-on after parties or just time to hang out. There are no rules, just traditions, according to Pat Scott a member of the Lost Lake HHH.

The object is not to win or to even exercise, but to spend time and fellowship with those



**Pat Scott acts as a hare laying down the trail for the Lost Lake Hash House Hares Mardi Gras Hash. The 'OH' stands for 'On Home', this lets the hashers know they are on a true trail and close to home.**

who enjoy a good laugh and friendly banter.

"I would call it bawdy humor," said Scott Martin, whose home hash is in Fort Huachuca, Ariz. "No rank, no service affiliation and no bad feelings. We get together to have fun and let lose of inhibitions."

The organization was started in 1938 by a British officer

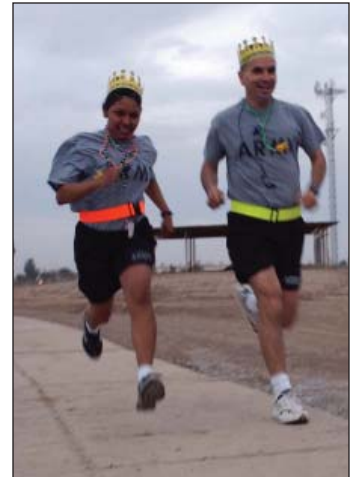
named Albert Stephen Ignatius Gispert, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The fraternity received its name from the Selangor Club Chambers, which due to its lackluster food, was commonly referred to as the 'Hash House'. There are currently almost 1,500 hashes, including groups in almost every major city in the world.

To become a member of the hash you simply have to show up and run a few trails. After you run a few hashes you get a name, which is usually something crude, and become an official member of the hash.

"The place where you're named is called your home hash, or your mother hash depending on who you ask," said Ami Angell, whose home hash is in Switzerland. "The whole idea of this organization is to just have fun."

The traditions of the fraternity are numerous, a bit quirky and all in good fun.

"We want people to come out and join. It's about having fun, relaxing and escaping the day-to-day grind," said Maj. John Ruibal, 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Brigade.



**Spc. Marisol Burgh, A Company 205th, and Maj. John Ruibal 30th Medical Brigade, finish up the Mardi Gra Hash, Saturday.**

The hash runs every Sunday around 5 p.m. This week's hash will start at the boxing ring in front of the gym.

"If you just want to get away from the stress of work and war, this is the best place for it. You can make fun of your friends, laugh a bit and just forget about what you're in the middle of," said Martin. "If you have trouble finding an excuse to come, just call it physical training."

## Around Iraq: Iraqi Security Forces, Coalition Forces Soldiers patrol Baghdad neighborhoods

**Multi-National Division- Baghdad**

The Iraqi army and police have taken the lead for providing security and the protection of holy sites and government infrastructure.

In an effort to provide a safe environment for the citizens of Baghdad, Iraqi Security Forces and Coalition Forces are increasing presence patrols in the city's neighborhoods today.

The increased patrols come as a response to the recent demonstrations and violence, which erupted in Iraq after the terrorist bombing of the Askariya shrine in Samarra.

The government of Iraq placed a temporary evening curfew, followed by a daytime curfew in Baghdad and Babil provinces. The Iraqi army and police will enforce the curfew in order to provide security for all Iraqis.

The increased presence patrols are scheduled to continue for at least the next 48 hours.

"The attack on the Askariya Mosque is a senseless terrorist act designed to sow the seeds of sectarian violence," said Maj. Gen. J.D. Thurman, commanding general, MND-B. Iraqi Security Forces and Coalition Forces need the help of the Iraqi people. Iraqis must report all terrorist and criminal activity."

# Photos from Baghdad

Photos by Photographers Mate 2nd Class Samuel Peterson



An Iraqi Army soldier stands guard in a relatively calm Downtown Baghdad Monday, hours after the lifting of the daytime curfew that had been enacted to curb possible sectarian violence. Citizens through out Baghdad returned to life as normal eager to shop and return to work.



An Iraqi Policeman directs traffic in a relatively calm downtown Baghdad Monday.

# Soldiers in Iraq

Photos by Lance Cpl. Drew Hendricks



Spc. Adam Dean, a gunner with the 392nd Chemical Company Recon, gets ready to conduct convoy operations Feb. 22. Dean has covered almost all of Iraq on more than 200 missions.



A gunner on a Black Hawk UH-60, scans the area as he flies over Baghdad Feb. 22. UH-60's play a major role in military operations, providing security, transporting troops, and conducting reconnaissance surveillance and patrols from the sky.

## Camp Victory Three-day forecast

### Wednesday



Mostly Sunny  
High: 85 F  
Low: 56 F

### Thursday



Sunny  
High: 73 F  
Low: 52 F

### Friday



Mostly Sunny  
High: 74 F  
Low: 52 F



## Operating hours

### Coalition Cafe

Breakfast 5:30 - 8:30 a.m.  
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#### Sunday:

Protestant Service 7 and 8:45 a.m.  
Catholic Mass 10:30 a.m.  
Gospel Service Noon  
Mormon (LDS) 2 p.m.  
Episcopal 4 p.m.  
Full Life Service 6 p.m.

#### Saturday:

7th Day Adventist 11 a.m.  
Catholic Mass 8 p.m.  
Mini-Chapel (Bldg. 2)

#### Friday:

Jewish Service 6:30 p.m.  
Eastern Orthodox services:

#### Saturday:

Vespers 5 p.m.  
Confession 5:30 p.m.  
Bible Study 7 p.m.

#### Sunday:

Divine Liturgy 9 a.m.

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#### Mental Health Clinic:

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Saturday 9 a.m. - noon

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